(b) if so, the details of such proposals received during the year 2001-02;

(c) the NGOs selected for grant-in-aid;

(d) the amount of grant-in-aid allocated to each NGO;

(e) the NGOs whose proposals were rejected; and

(f) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Proposals of five NGOs were recommended by Govt. of Rajasthan during the year 2001-2002, of which Dr. M.N. Tandon Memorial Charitable Trust, Jaipur was sanctioned Rs. 70,000/- (Rs. Seventy Thousand) as grant-in-aid for administering Road Safety Programmes.

(e) and (f) Due to constraint of funds, the Ministry gave priority to the proposals of NGOs who had satisfactorily completed the programmes in the past. Proposals of M/s. Jana Kala Sahitya Manch Sansthan, Jaipur and M/s. Gramin Jan Vikas & Paryavaran Sansthan, Nangal Champa, Dausa were not selected due to poor performance in respect of timely utilisation of grants in the past. The proposals of M/s. Indian Public Educational Society, Bundi and M/s. Samagra Vikas Sansthan, Jhunjhunu were received for the first time and could not be accomodated within the limited budget of the Ministry.

Road between Srinagar and Bandipur

1679. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the road between Srinagar and Bandipur is a highway which is also used by the Army;

(b) whether it is a fact that the road is in a very bad shape and unusable at certain places; and

(c) if so, whether his Ministry would undertake repairs of road and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) to (c) This Ministry is responsible for maintenance and development of National Highways. Srinagar-Bandipur road is not a National Highway. Its condition and usage by transffic is not being monitored by Ministry. The repair of this road will not be undertaken by Ministry.

Road projects in Rajasthan

1680. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of road projects of Rajasthan including the proposal of widening of Jaipur-Agra road to 4 lanned highways, which are pending with Government for approval/clearance;

(b) the reasons for the delay in according approval; and

(c) the measures contemplated to expedite the clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) to (c) Seventh projects relating to National Highways included in the current Annual Plan amounting to Rs. 23.63 crores received from Rajasthan State PWD are under scrutiny in the Ministry since January 2003. The approval of National Highway projects in the Ministry is subject to the prescribed limit of Bank of Sanction and *inter-se*-priority. Processing of these projects has not been delayed.

Sanction for Feasibility Study and Preparation of Detailed Project Report for 4/6-laning of Agra-Jaipur Road (NH-11) has been accorded by the Ministry.

Bridge linking Talaimannar and Dhanushkodi

1681. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are examining the proposal to construct a bridge linking Talaimannar and Dhanushkodi prepared by the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka;